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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 450
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the distinguished
members of the Tennessee Jaycees Model
Legislature.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay homage
to those sterling organizations, and their individual members, who perform their duties with
extraordinary dedication and diligence, as exemplary public servants; and

WHEREAS, through their special endeavors, these praiseworthy people have given
unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents in order to perpetuate the public good and
are credits to their respective professions, their communities and their families; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee Jaycees State Chapter Model Legislature
are one such noteworthy group of citizens deserving of special praise and commendation; and

WHEREAS, on March 11 of this year, forty-five delegates from the Tennessee Jaycees
State Chapter will hold a model legislature in the House Chambers of the State Capitol; and

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WHEREAS, this model legislature will function in the same capacity as the Tennessee's 101st General Assembly, with committees being established with chairpersons elected to preside over them, and bills being introduced and passed through the committees; and

WHEREAS, bills that are passed by the model legislature will be passed on to members of the Tennessee General Assembly, with the hope that these model bills will become actual legislation; and

WHEREAS, these distinguished gentlemen will serve their fellow Tennesseans with the greatest acumen, integrity, and dedication throughout all of their endeavors to establish and further the highest precepts of good government; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Jaycees Model Legislature will be under the capable leadership of the Mr. Tommy Bradley, of the Franklin Road chapter as Governor, and Mr. Jared Smith, of the Maryville-Alcoa chapter as Lieutenant Governor; and

WHEREAS, these progressive-thinking men are serving their fellow citizens with probity by means of their peerless vision, foresight, hard work, and dedication to their respective offices and to the collective health and welfare of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Jaycees are a part of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. Founded by Henry Giessenbier in 1925, the Jaycees were the result of a vision of an organization that would allow young people to develop their business skills and reputation through community service in the business, management, individual, community, and international areas of opportunity; these five areas make up the U.S. Jaycees creed; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the local chapters of this national organization is to become a force for good in the community, determining community needs, and providing solutions by planning and facilitating community service projects. These activities allow members to receive hands-on experience to enhance the personal growth and development of valuable leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, local chapters are autonomous and consist of no less than twenty members between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-nine years of age; they must abide the laws of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and always endeavor to have a copy of their constitution, bylaws, and policies on file; and

WHEREAS, local chapter activities should result in the development of a stronger, more active citizenry, while enhancing the image of the organization as a whole, in addition to affecting the members of the community; state chapters, such as the Tennessee Jaycees, are comprised of all local chapters with the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce embracing all state organizations throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, since its implementation, the Jaycees have become a national force in community service activities that develop crucial leadership abilities and experience, supporting causes such as national aviation, the National Wildlife Federation, veteran support, environmental clean-ups, birth defects research, voting, AIDS awareness, and education; and

WHEREAS, the Jaycees' influence has spread internationally, consisting of all Junior Chamber national organizations. It holds a World Congress and other international conferences; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Jaycees is truly a great organization with a tradition of being a catalyst for positive change throughout its state's history; and

WHEREAS, the members of this Body wish to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the Tennessee Jaycees Model Legislature for their many valuable contributions and their meritorious service to their respective communities and the entire state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the delegates of the Tennessee Jaycees Model Legislature should be specially recognized for their outstanding public service and many superb contributions to Tennessee's ascendancy as one of the most progressive and prosperous states in the nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, That we hereby pay tribute to the Tennessee Jaycees Model Legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.